

Letter from the Treasurer

Aani, fellow Tribal Citizens,

As Tribal Treasurer, I Chair the Appropriations and Finance Committee which oversees the Tribe's finances and ensures that the Tribe is fiscally sound.

As reported at the Community Meeting last year, in February 2014, LTBB closed on its former 9% high yield bonds by refinancing the debt with a variable rate bank loan. The refinance of this debt ensures that monthly payments are made toward the repayment of the principal balance of the loan (debt reduction). Since the refinancing of the loan we have saved \$3.6MM in interest payments and paid off \$4.3MM of the loan principal.

Highlights of the Tribal Council approved appropriation actions of 2014 include the pay-off of the Ziibimijwang farm loan, the purchase of land in Indian Town for a future housing development, and increased Citizen per capita payments to \$599 for the 3rd year in a row.

In addition, The Tribe's current spending of General Fund dollars through the first quarter of this year, March 31, 2015, indicates that the Tribe's actual expenditures may not exceed its budgeted revenues from the budget. Current year spending is trending to be under Budget by \$745,000 at year-end.

The attached FY2016 budget info is being provided to demonstrate the fiscal responsibility of the Tribal Council in passing a balanced budget. The Tribe has budgeted \$12,700,000 for the expenditure of Tribal General Funds. The attached exhibits of the Fiscal Year 2016 Budgets are compared with the Fiscal Year 2014 Unaudited Actuals since 2014 is the last full year of information available for comparative purposes.

The Tribal Treasurer report includes the following exhibits related to the 2016 Budgets as approved by the Tribal Council:

1. The FY2016 balanced Tribal Government Operations budget of \$31,914,851.58 demonstrating the revenue sources including Gaming Revenues, Grant Revenues and Cost Recovery funds at the top portion of the exhibit followed by how these funds were budgeted by the Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, Prosecutor and Election Board. The report also includes the FY2015 Budget as well as the last three prior years of spending.
2. The Governmental allocation of general funds between the five different branches of Government for FY2016 as well as historical figures going back to FY2012. The Pie Charts below the General Fund Allocation Summary demonstrates the distribution of actual funds for FY2014 as well as the budgeted amounts for FY2016.
3. General Fund Spending by Fund/Program for a) Distributions b) Distribution Spending, c) Donation Spending d) Economic Development Spending e) General Welfare Spending and Government Operations Spending.

In fiscal year 2014, the Tribal investments returned \$439,364 or 8% to the Tribe. Through April 27th, and despite the volatility of the market this year, LTBB investment accounts have increased by almost \$230K. The FY2014 Year End Audit is estimated to be completed by June 15, 2014 and available to the LTBB

Citizen's shortly afterward. Those wishing for a copy are encouraged to contact the Executive Office for more information.

Chii miigwech for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.

Respectfully,

Marci Reyes, Tribal Council Treasurer